

Taxicab Association of Connecticut

Testimony of Marco Henry

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Program Review & Investigation Committee

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Good afternoon, Chairpersons Senator Kissel and Representative Mushinsky and members of the **Program Review and Investigation Committee**, my name is **Marco Henry** I am the **President of the Yellow Cab Co. and President of the Taxicab Association of Connecticut**. The Taxicab Association represents the interests of the owners of both large and many small, independent, single taxicab companies in Connecticut.

I am here today to testify in support of:

SB 902 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF TAXICABS AND LIVERY VEHICLES and

SB 903 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC REGULATION OF TAXICABS AND LIVERY VEHICLES.

This committee has spent many months completing a very comprehensive study of the taxicab industry in Connecticut and has reached the conclusion that the interests of the riding public would be better served by more extensive oversight and regulation of taxicabs and livery service. If the goal of safe and reliable taxi and livery transportation is to be achieved, additional regulation and oversight of both owners and operators by a single state agency must be instituted.

Our members, both large and small applaud the extensive research investigatory efforts by the Program and Review staff. The Taxicab Association supports the final report of this committee as asks its members to vote favorably on both these proposals

Thank you